

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT PROPOSED
AMENDMENTS TO THE GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGISTS RULES,
RULE 510-7-.02 *REINSTATEMENT* AND RULE 510-7-.03 *INACTIVE STATUS*, AND, NOTICE OF
PUBLIC HEARING**

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the authority set forth below, the Georgia State Board of Examiners of Psychologists (hereinafter "Board") proposes amendments to the Board's Rule, Rule 510-27-.02 Reinstatement, and Rule 510-7-.03 Inactive Status (herein after "proposed rule amendment").

This notice, together with an exact copy of the proposed amendments and a synopsis of the proposed amendments, is being mailed to all persons who have requested, in writing, that they be placed on a mailing list. A copy of this notice, an exact copy of the proposed amendment, and a synopsis of the proposed amendment may be reviewed during normal business hours of 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday, except official State holidays, at the Office of the Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217. Copies may also be requested by contacting the Board office at (478) 207-2440.

A public hearing will be held at 1:00 P.M. on June 19, 2009, at the Secretary of State's Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive in Macon, Georgia 31217 to provide the public an opportunity to comment upon and provide input into the proposed chapter. At the public hearing anyone may present data, make a statement, comment or offer a viewpoint or argument whether orally or in writing. Lengthy statements or statements of a considerable technical or economic nature, as well as previously recorded messages, must be submitted for official record. Oral statements should be concise and will be limited to five (5) minutes per person. Written comments are welcome. Such written comments must be legible and signed, should contain contact information from the maker (address, telephone number and/or facsimile number, etc.) and be actually received in the office prior to the close of business (5:00 P.M.) on June 12, 2009. Written comments should be addressed to Randall D. Vaughn, Division Director, Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, Georgia State Board of Examiners of Psychologists, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217. Telephone (478) 207-2440 or fax (866) 888-7127.

The Board will consider the proposed rule amendment for adoption at a meeting scheduled to begin at 1:10 P.M. on June 19, 2009 at the Secretary of State's Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217. According to the Department of Law, State of Georgia, the Board has the authority to amend these rules pursuant to authority contained in O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-19, 43-1-22, 43-1-25, 43-39-5, 43-39-6, 43-39-12, 43-39-13 and 43-39-15

At its meeting on April 17, 2009, the Board voted that the formulation and amendment of these rules do not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed chapter cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-19, 43-1-22, 43-1-25, 43-39-5, 43-39-6, 43-39-12, 43-39-13 and 43-39-15. Additionally, at the meeting, the Board voted that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-19, 43-1-22, 43-1-25, 43-39-5, 43-39-6, 43-39-12, 43-39-13 and 43-39-1 to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed in O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(a)(3)(A), (B), (C) and (D). The formulation and amendment of these rules will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed, owned and operated in the field of psychology.

For further information, contact the Board office at (478) 207-2440.

This notice is given in compliance with O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4.

This 18th day of May, 2009.

Randall D. Vaughn
Division Director
Professional Licensing Boards Division

Posted: May 18, 2009

**SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE
GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGISTS RULES,
RULE 510-7-.02 REINSTATEMENT AND 510-7-.03 INACTIVE STATUS**

PURPOSE: The purpose of the proposed amendment is to define a timeframe for Reinstatement applications and specify the requirement of continuing education hours for reactivation of inactive status licenses.

MAIN FEATURES: The main feature of the proposed amendment is the addition of language clearly defining the time frames applications are accepted for reinstatement and to insert language regarding the requirement of continuing education hours and timeframe for obtaining the hours for the reactivation of an inactive status license.

THE PROPOSED CHAPTER TO THE GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGISTS RULES, RULE 510-7-.02 REINSTATEMENT AND 510-7-.03 INACTIVE STATUS

NOTE: Underlined text is proposed to be added; lined through text is proposed to be deleted.

510-7-.02 Reinstatement. Amended.

(1) A license which has lapsed for failure to renew may be reinstated within one year, from the date the license lapsed, at the sole discretion of the Board, upon submission of an Application for Reinstatement, documentation of 40 hours of continuing education activities that were completed within two years of the date the application is received by the Board, and payment of a penalty fee as set by the Board (See Fee Schedule). Reinstatement after more than twelve (12) months following lapse of the license will require submission of a new application for licensure by examination waiver, documentation of 40 hours of continuing education activities that were completed within two calendar years of the date the application is received by the Board, and passage of both the Georgia Jurisprudence and Oral Examinations.

(2) For applicants holding a current license in another jurisdiction, a Georgia license which has been in lapsed status for one or more years may be reinstated, at the sole discretion of the Board, upon completion of the requirements set forth above, submission of an Information Verification Form, and passage of both the Georgia Jurisprudence and Oral Examinations.

Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-19, 43-1-22, 43-1-25, 43-39-5, 43-39-6, 43-39-12, 43-39-13 and 43-39-15

510-7-.03 Inactive Status. Amended.

(1) A person must have a current Georgia psychology license to practice psychology in Georgia or to use the title "psychologist" in Georgia.

(a) A licensee who holds a current license, and who will not use the title "psychologist" in Georgia and will not practice psychology in Georgia, may apply for Inactive Status by completing an Application for Inactive Status and submitting the appropriate fee (see Fee Schedule) to the Board. A licensee may not use his or her license in the State of Georgia while that license is on Inactive Status.

(b) A licensee who wishes to reactivate an inactive license must submit to the Board an Application to Reactivate, documentation of 40 hours of continuing education activities that were completed within two calendar years of the date the application is received by the

Board, and appropriate fee. See Fee Schedule. For the Board to approve reactivation, the licensee must also pass both the Georgia Jurisprudence and Oral Examinations.

Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-19, 43-1-22, 43-1-25, 43-39-5, 43-39-6, 43-39-12, 43-39-13 and 43-39-15